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MY POINT OF VIEW



Good Afternoon All.

A warm Boxing Day welcome to Tony Waddington and his very improved Crewe Alexandra side. Just recently they have slipped from a seem-

ingly good position but Tony has had to put up with injuries to star players such as John McMahon and Peter Coyne. One thing is certain, however, things have greatly improved since the former Stoke City chief joined the "Alex".

Crewe Away

At the time of going to press I don't know the Wimbledon result, but we certainly moved on the right lines with our win at Crewe. That was a real good win for us because we had never previously won there, and perhaps this will prove to be a good

omen. Let us hope we can keep in touch with a few good wins over the festive season, and with the injuries progressing, perhaps the 1980-81 season will finish on a good note after all.

New Year Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our loyal fans a really happy New Year. I hope and trust we can give you the success and entertainment you deserve.

Enjoy today's match.

Ian McNeill

Front page photo — David McMullan slots home the equaliser against Scunthorpe United. (Photograph by courtesy of David Cookson).

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

CONTINUING the famous personalities in that outstanding team of the early 1950's brings us to one of the best-remembered players probably ever to don a Latics shirt — centre forward Billy Lomax.

Billy was a discovery of Army football, since, prior to joining the forces, he had never played for any junior club. After serving in the Paratroopers, taking part in the landing at Arnhem and seeing service in Sicily, Italy, Africa and Germany, Billy joined Lancashire Combination side Netherfield on his demob and made a sensational debut, scoring four goals. He scored 14 goals for Netherfield in just seven matches before stepping into League Football with Carlisle United. He stayed there until 1946 when he

joined Macclesfield Town. In his stay with the Silkmen which lasted two and a half seasons he scored 90 goals.

Billy joined Latics in the 1949-1950 season and that season scored 42 goals. The following season he netted 54 times and registered eleven goals in 1951-1952 before he was transferred to Nelson.

It was in his second spell though that Billy really hit the goalscoring heights with Latics. He was signed by Ted Goodier at the beginning of the 1952-1953 Season and was second highest scorer with 35 goals. In the 1953-1954 season he was joint top-scorer with Jack Lyon and Jack Livesey when each player claimed a staggering 40 goals.

As a centre forward Billy Lomax was perhaps the most efficient goalscoring "machine" Wigan ever had. He was only a small man, worked at Bickershaw Colliery as a coalminer and lived at Aspull, where he still resides today. But goals were Billy's business and while he was in his second spell with Latics he set up records galore.

In October, 1953, he scored five goals against Hyde United in a match at Ewan Fields and thus became the first man in Latics' history to score 150 goals for the first team, beating the previous best of 131 by Horace Thomas.

Of course, Billy was a member of the famous FA Cup side that played Newcastle United at St. James's Park and it is that match that throws out a delightful story about Billy which I am assured is accurate and true.

As the Wigan team were in their dressing room before the big game the door opened and the Newcastle United centre half, a giant of a man by the name of Frank Brennan, walked in and said: "Who's your centre forward?" Billy stood up and said: "I am. Why?" To that Brennan retorted: "You had better get ready, because you are not going to even see the ball today". At the end of the game (Latics drew 2-2) Brennan came to Billy, shook his hand and said: "I've never played in a game like that, you were great". Billy's career with Wigan Athletic ended in 1954 and he left Springfield Park failing by only 14 goals to record a double century for the first team. He will be long remembered.

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by Fred Eyre

KENNY FREEMAN, Steve Silcock and Mark Wignall are three lads who have come through from the Youth Team to make their mark in the reserves. Kenny, a full back with two good feet, is equally at home at right or left back and has improved tremendously in the past year. He also likes to attack and his overlaps are a main feature of his play. He hails from Skelmersdale, attends a Teacher Training

College and like Steve Silcock has gained county honours.

Steve, a local boy, is a central defender who this season has also played well as a defensive midfield player. Although not a giant "Silky" is a very strong player and his tackling is definitely one of his best assets. Steve works at Leyland Motors, which is good because it means he is not tired when he reports for training in the evenings!! He is a very enthusiastic trainer and has worked very hard on his weaknesses since coming to Springfield Park and is developing into a very good player.

Mark Wignall is a midfield player from Bamber Bridge near Preston. He began his career at Blackpool but moved to Wigan at the beginning of last season as an apprentice. He is not a big lad but is very well built, is neat and tidy on the ball and a firm tackler. Mark got a couple of little run-outs in the first team in the pre-season friendly games, coming on as substitute, and showed up well. He has suffered a bit with injuries this season but hopefully these are now all behind him.

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IT IS ALWAYS a pleasure to be able to sincerely express one's thanks to someone who has performed some action worthy of appreciation. The magnificent job done by our agents in launching the sale of our new Astra Soccer ticket must be publicly acknowledged. Of all the fund-raising activities with which I have been connected on behalf of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, the sales' returns from this new venture have been by far the most successful. Our Springfield Rose ticket, our Christmas Draw tickets, our previous bingo and lottery tickets, all received the support of the buying public, but none achieved the 94% sales' figure recorded by our new ticket. If this encouraging start can be maintained, and, if our Springfield Rose ticket can hold its ground, we must have great hopes for what is to come in the New Year. It can only be for the long term benefit of the Wigan Athletic Football Club that new sales are being made even though the economic state of the country continues to deteriorate. Keep up the good work, for, as I have written so many times previously, with your help we can build an even better Wigan Athletic, whose achievements will one day realise the dreams of our ambitious supporters.

We are delighted to acknowledge the sponsoring of today's game by Bridge and Sons (Wigan) Limited, who hope you will recall that, on the last occasion they supported a game against Peterborough United on the 5th April, 1980, Wigan Athletic came through to a convincing victory. Our sponsors look forward to a similar result on this

festive occasion and would remind you all of the services they offer in structural steelwork, supply and erection for commercial and industrial buildings. During the close-season they undertook the first phase of the club's plan to upgrade the stand accommodation, with the provision of a new access for the directors, to conform with the requirements of the F.A. and Football League, and to the Directors' Suite. This ensures that visitors to Wigan may be received in a fitting manner. Your enquiries will be welcome at Seven Stars Forge, Wallgate, Wigan, Telephone Wigan 43732/42248. The company is represented at today's game by Mr. J. R. Bridge, Managing Director and Mr. J. F. Lyon, Technical Director.

The match ball for today's game has also been donated by a very good friend of the club, Mr. Frank Phillips, Building Contractor, of 67 Leyland Green Road, North Ashton, Near Wigan, Telephone Ashton-in-Makerfield 77454. Recently completed dwellings at the Cheethams Farm Estate, at Blackrod, bear testimony to the quality workmanship of Frank's company.

To all these friends of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, we express our gratitude and hope that today's game proves even more enjoyable for our loyal season ticket holders.

Enjoy your break from routine activity this Christmastide, and, in particular, today's holiday fixture with our friends from Crewe Alexandra. All best wishes.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

Letterbox

Dear Readers,

Springfield Park, Wigan. 16th December, 1980.

Although we do our best to avoid controversial issues concerning individual personalities, perhaps, at this season of goodwill to all men, this weeks contribution is most timely. Mr. Ramsdale will receive his complimentary ticket for the Southend United game in due course. Meanwhile, on behalf of the Commercial Department, I would like to wish all our supporters, subscribers, and casual readers, the compliments of the season. We trust that 1981 will bring you and your loved ones great joy and contentment.

Yours sincerely, J.T. Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

Dear Sir,

23 Margaret Street, Wigan.

I was extremely angry at the "so called" fans barracking and chanting for Ian McNeill's head on Saturday, 6th December, after the disappointing 1-1 result against Scunthorpe United. I wonder how many of them would have challenged Ian on their own.

Good heavens, some of those fans must have very short memories:-

Who brought Latics into the League? IAN McNEILL.

Who guided them to a place in the top six of the Fourth Division in 1979? IAN McNEILL.

Who got Latics to their record Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup versus Everton? IAN McNEILL.

And now, because of injuries to key players which caused this disappointing **START** to this season, poor Ian is under a lot of pressure from the fans, who don't recall that if it wasn't for Ian McNeill, Wigan Athletic would not be on the football map. **THE FANS OF WIGAN ATHLETIC OWE IAN A LOT.**

Finally, on behalf of myself, and I am sure five thousand loyal fans, I wish Wigan Athletic the best of luck with the rest of this season's games. I wish Ian, yourself, the Board and most important of all, the players, a very happy Christmas and an extremely prosperous New Year.

Yours loyally, B. Ramsdale.

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Far Left:
Colin Methven moves forward in determined fashion against Scunthorpe United in the recent league game.

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Left:

Mike Quinn takes off in his attack on the Scunthorpe United goal

Photo by courtesy of Wigan Observer



Right:
Action from this season's Wigan Athletic v Crewe Alexandra Football League game — Peter Houghton chips his cross over Ken Mulhearn.

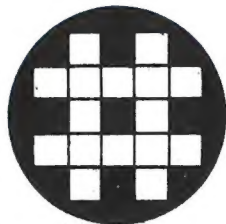
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ON THE BALL No. 16

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

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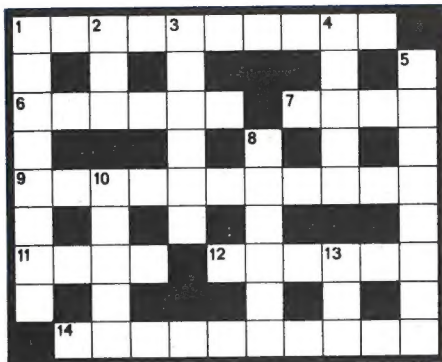
CLUB CLUE No. 16

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

You'd expect them to be in the race for something!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 16

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **EDSEL** and **GRAINED** to find two League clubs.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 16 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Scoring the second most vital goal (10)
6. Defends successfully (6)
7. As a tackle should be! (4)
9. Nominal position that Martin Peters has usually played in (7-4)
11. Some clubs have a special training --- (4)
12. Alan "Sniffer" --- (6)
14. Young defender who was a regular member of Birmingham's 1979-80 promotion side (4,6)

DOWN

1. Move too close to the ball when the other team are taking a free-kick (8)
2. --- Seeler played in four World Cup finals for West Germany (3)
3. Midfielder "Bunny" --- served Birmingham, Norwich, Doncaster and Watford (6)
4. Lincoln City and Worcestershire CCC player over the last few years (5)
5. The nickname of Bolton Wanderers (8)
8. Defender who was a League ever-present for Colchester last season and just reached the 300 League appearances mark (6)
10. --- Bay Rowdies (5)
13. --- Gray managed Millwall twice (3)



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Answers on Page 22.



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OUR VISITORS



CREWE ALEXANDRA FOOTBALL CLUB — 1980-1981 (Left to Right) Back Row: John McMahon, Terry Conroy, Bob Scott, Ken Mulhearn, Colin Chesters, Mick Guy, Colin Prophet. Front Row: Ian Bowers, Kevin Lewis, Neil Wilkinson, Dennis Nelson (Capt.) Geoff Hunter, Dai Davies.
Photograph by courtesy of Robert Sproston.

THIS afternoon we are pleased to welcome the directors, management, staff and supporters of the Crewe Alexandra Football Club to Springfield Park for what we hope will be a most enjoyable festive fixture.

Previous encounters between Wigan Athletic and Crewe Alexandra have always been closely fought, with both sides competing keenly for the points at stake or the privilege of progressing a stage further in the Football League Cup. As will be observed from the inset panel, of the five league fixtures played to date, Wigan Athletic have won the day on three occasions, Crewe Alexandra on one occasion, and one game has been drawn. In the Football League Cup earlier this season, after a grand struggle, Wigan Athletic were narrowly victorious over the two legs. However, what is past is past, and with both the "Railwaymen" and the "Latics" now in mid-table, it is very important for both sides to gain the points at stake in today's game and to push upwards in the League as the season enters its second phase.

The Crewe Alexandra Football Club, under Tony Waddington's astute management, has shown great spirit this season, and their many friends in football are hoping that the promise shown so far can be maintained in the weeks ahead, thus giving the Cheshire side the boost which it has striven so hard to achieve. The road, over the past few years, has been hard for the "Railwaymen", so perhaps it is now time for

their loyal supporters to look forward to an encouraging spell of success.

Whatever the outcome of today's game, we wish our visitors well, not only for this season of good cheer, but also for the immediate future and what comes beyond.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1978-1979

26 Dec. 1978 Wigan Ath. 1 Crewe Alex. 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 7,586
Scorers: Wigan Ath. Houghton
Crewe Alex. —

14th Apr. 1979 Crewe Alex. 1 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 0-1 Att. 4,604
Scorers: Crewe Alex. Coyne
Wigan Ath. Purdie (Pen)

Season 1979-1980

21st Dec. 1979 Wigan Ath. 2 Crewe Alex. 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 4,316
Scorers: Wigan Ath. Wright,
Gore (Pen)

4th Apr. 1980 Crewe Alex. —
Crewe Alex. 2 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 5,632
Scorers: Crewe Alex. Davies,
Palios.
Wigan Ath. Corrigan

Season 1980-1981

13th Dec. 1980 Crewe Alex. 1 Wigan Ath. 2
H.T. Score 1-0 Att. 2,829
Scorers: Crewe Alex. Prophet
Wigan Ath. A. Quinn,
Houghton

PEN PICTURE

Manager of Crewe Alex. Tony Waddington, this being in that capacity. A wide throughout football h former player in the club he left the Gresty Road short journey to Stoke Potteries side for a per years. Is now hoping to the Gresty Road side th

IAN (DANNY) BOWEN his second Season at formerly with Stoke C their First Division side game last Season and found in the left back operate in midfield if re

COLIN CHESTERS — joined Derby County o and developed through scheme. When at the made a number of app league side. Was signed last Season and made the league side. Now fu

a neck injury which kept during the latter part of

TERRY CONROY — A player who gained International honours

Played for many seasons and when released by th

Kong. On his return teamed up with Crewe appearances before inju

action. Now fully reco forward to the new Sea

PETER COYNE — Las him a lean one on the

just 2-goals. In the two he had finished as th

scorer. His league ca Manchester United and

spell with Ashton Unit County League.

DAVID (DAI) DAVIES with the Gresty Road Summer of 1975. H

apprentice with Swar signed on full time term

Can operate equally eff wing forward position the attack. Made 23

Season.
MICK GUY — Cam United in September

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Ground: Gresty Road, Crewe
Year Formed: 1877

Football League Record:
1892 Original Member of Division Two
1896 Failed re-election
1921 Re-entered Third Division North
1958-1963 Fourth Division Member
1963-1964 Third Division Member
1964-1968 Fourth Division Member
1968-1969 Third Division Member
1969-1980 Fourth Division Member



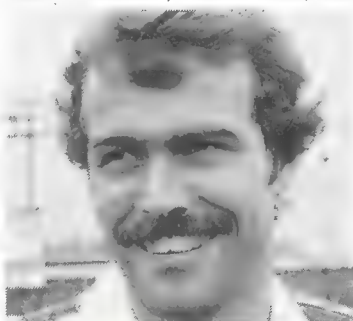
regular in the line up for the rest of the Season. A skilful player who scored 6 goals in 37 league games last Season. A favourite with the fans.

GEOFF HUNTER — Born in Hull, his career started with Manchester United and this will be his second Season at Gresty Road. Only slightly built has a



tremendous capacity for work. Normally plays in a right sided midfield position — often to be found up with the attack.

KEVIN LEWIS — Born Hull. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Stoke City. Came to Gresty Road



last Season and played in a variety of positions and made 25 League appearances.

JOHN McMAHON — Joined the Crewe staff in October 1979. A very experienced player for he was with Preston North End for many Seasons playing mostly in the full back position. Occupied a midfield role for Crewe last Season in his 28 games.

BOB MOUNTFORD — Released by Halifax at the end of last Season and on a short-term contract at Crewe. Born in the Potteries has played with Port Vale, Crewe (on loan), Rochdale and also Huddersfield Town. Normally plays as a striker.

KEN MULHEARN — Only recently signed for the club. A 'keeper with a wealth of experience with Manchester City, Stockport County and Shrewsbury Town. Was released from the Gay Meadow Club at the end of last Season. Should prove to be a useful signing.

DENNIS NELSON — Appointed as the Club Captain last Season. This is his second spell with the Gresty Road club for when he moved from Scotland he came to Crewe and stayed until 1976 when he went to Reading. Always occupied one of the front striking positions and enjoys scoring goals.

MARK PALIOS — Came from Tranmere Rovers part way through last Season and played in all the remaining games. A University graduate was on the Prenton Park Staff for several seasons. A Midfield player but also has the knack of scoring important goals.

COLIN PROPHETT — Has played in all the divisions of the Football League. Born in Crewe, played in the reserve side as an Amateur but his professional career started at Sheffield Wednesday. Player coach to the side he proved to be a great inspiration to the team last Season. A central defender, played in 33 consecutive games for the club last Season.

BOB SCOTT — Born in Liverpool. His playing career started with Wrexham followed by a spell on loan to Reading. His next move was to Hartlepool and to Rochdale. This will be his second Season at Crewe and he should add many more to his total of 42 league games last Season.

NEIL WILKINSON — Since his move to Crewe from Port Vale in October 1978, Neil has been a regular member of the league side, mainly in the right back position. His career started with Blackburn Rovers followed by a spell in South Africa. A very popular member of the staff.

KEVIN GLENDON — A young player released by Manchester City early in the Season. Made his debut in the away game at Port Vale.

STEPHEN HANLON — Still an apprentice but drafted into the League side against Mansfield Town and also played v Port Vale. A player of promise.

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Aug. 9	2-1	5,512		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore ²	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Tierney	A. Quinn	
Aug. 13	2-2	4,063		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore ¹	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Tierney	A. Quinn	
Aug. 16	0-3	5,332		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	A. Quinn	M. Quinn	
Aug. 23	0-2	3,939		Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Whittle	McMullan	
Aug. 27	0-1	8,028		Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn	
Aug. 30	1-0	4,300		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn	
Sep. 3	1-2	9,692		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn	
Sep. 6	1-0	4,666		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore ¹	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn	
Sep. 13	1-3*	2,321		Brown	Fretwell	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn	
Sep. 16	2-1	2,052		Brown	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn	
Sep. 20	2-1	6,021		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore ²	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Sep. 27	4-3	3,402		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 1	1-3	4,247		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 4	0-3	3,479		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 8	3-0	3,608		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 11	0-2	2,013		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 18	0-2	2,013		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 20	1-1	5,643		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 25	1-1	5,421		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Oct. 29	1-0	3,668		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Fretwell	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 1	0-3	2,983		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Fretwell	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 4	1-1	3,625		Ward	Curtis	Fretwell	Tierney	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 8	0-1	5,155		Ward	Curtis	Fretwell	Tierney	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 12	3-0	3,375		Ward	Curtis	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 15	1-3	5,020		Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 22	2-2	8,682		Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	Hutchinson	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 25	0-2	9,372		Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	Hutchinson	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Nov. 29	1-1	2,328		Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Hutchinson	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Dec. 6	1-1	3,780		Brown ¹	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Dec. 13	2-1	2,829		Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn	
Dec. 20				Wimbledon												
Dec. 26				CREWE ALEXANDRA												
Dec. 27				Stockport County												
Jan. 3				SOUTHEND UNITED												
Jan. 10				York City												
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Jan. 24				Aldershot												
Jan. 31				LINCOLN CITY												
Feb. 3				Northampton Town												
Feb. 7				DARLINGTON												
Feb. 14				Port Vale												
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Feb. 28				Bury												
Mar. 7				ROCHDALE												
Mar. 13				Peterborough United												
Mar. 21				TORQUAY UNITED												
Mar. 27				Tranmere Rovers												
Apr. 4				A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH												
Apr. 11				Bradford City												
Apr. 18				STOCKPORT COUNTY												
Apr. 25				WIMBLEDON												
May 2				Scunthorpe United												

PLAYER

Bobby Hutchinson

(Striker)

Birthplace: Glasgow

Place of Residence: Hawkley Hall, Wigan.

Date of Birth: 19th June, 1954.

Height: 5'9½"

Weight: 11st. 8lbs.

Previous Professional Clubs:

Dundee and Hibernian

Advice to Youngsters: **Work hard in training, always give 100% effort, and be loyal to your club.**

Bobby made his debut for Wigan Athletic in the Football League Cup First Round, First Leg, against Crewe Alexandra, at Springfield Park, on Saturday, 9th August, 1980. Since then, he has made six cup tie appearances and twenty one Football League appearances, scoring twice. He is very popular with the fans, who appreciate his hard work and enthusiasm.



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WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ON REQUEST

GOOD AFTERNOON and seasonal greetings to all our supporters, and all the supporters of Crewe Alexandra, our guests today, from all the Bar Staff and Committee of Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club.

I have been told by many Senior Citizens about the fantastic night they had in the club at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on Monday, 15th December. I am informed there is no truth in the rumour that Mr. Dave Stott is to become resident compere, despite his wonderful performance on stage. Thanks Dave!! Also a very big thank you to everyone else who helped to make the night a big success. A special thank you to K. Townley and his merry band for decorating the club and the Christmas trees. May I remind you again about opening hours and artistes.

OPENING HOURS.

Boxing Day — Opening at 7.00 pm till 12 midnight.

New Years Eve — Opening at 7.00pm till 12.30am

New Years Day — Opening at 7.00pm till 11.30pm

ARTISTES APEARING

Boxing Day — Eddie Ryan, Saturday, 27th Dec. -

Don Martin, Sunday, 28th Dec. - Liam Ford, New

Years Eve - A-la-Mode.

PLEASE NOTE ON NEW YEARS EVE, ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY, ONE TICKET PER MEMBERSHIP BOOK ONLY.

I have had to submit these notes, because of the printers' deadline, before the Childrens' Party on 20th December, but I have no doubt it will be as enjoyable an occasion as the Senior Citizens Party turned out to be.

Enjoy today's game.

J. A. Eckersley.



FOURTH Division transfer activity recently reached a seasonal peak when "Want-away" striker Terry Austin of Mansfield Town, and formerly with Crystal Palace and Ipswich Town among others, signed for Third Division Huddersfield Town. The £120,000 transfer fee paid to the "Stags" constituted a club record for Huddersfield Town.

Having spent a short trial period at Belle Vue, midfielder Carl Swan signed for Doncaster Rovers from non-league Burton Albion for an £8,000 fee. Swan, son of former England star Peter, made his mark in his first-ever outing for his new club, scoring in their 2-1 victory at A.F.C. Bournemouth.

Hereford United, made another swoop into the transfer market to snap up two players who caused Wigan Athletic several anxious moments last season. After spending some time considering the move, Joe Laidlaw and Derek Showers both opted to give up their fight for a first-team place at Third Division Portsmouth, and decided instead to try their hand at Edgar Street. The pair went to the West Country for the bargain, combined price of £28,000.

With clubs cutting back on staffing levels, injuries to players have tended to make room for youngsters to make their debuts. One such example was at Port Vale recently where 19 years old Kevin Glendon made his first appearance in Crewe Alexandra colours.

Once more the F.A. Cup has proved an acute embarrassment to several Fourth Division clubs, who have tumbled out to non-league opposition. Take

Hereford United, for instance, they did what no one before them had managed to do — beat Southend United at Roots Hall in the First Round. Then they travelled to Enfield, minus Laidlaw and Showers who were both cup-tied, and went down 0-2. Sadly for Scunthorpe United, they also failed to dispose of cup giant-killers Altrincham and went down in the replay 0-1 at Moss Lane on Monday evening.

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 14th DECEMBER, 1980

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Southend Utd.	24	12	0	0	27	2	5	2	5	16	14	36
Lincoln City	23	8	3	1	31	7	6	2	3	11	6	33
Mansfield Town	24	8	2	2	17	6	5	1	6	12	14	29
Hartlepool Utd.	24	8	0	4	21	11	4	5	3	15	18	29
Aldershot	24	7	5	0	11	2	4	1	7	9	16	28
Peterborough Utd.	23	6	4	2	21	13	4	3	4	17	15	27
Bradford City	24	5	5	2	17	12	4	3	5	14	17	26
Doncaster Rovers	24	7	2	3	17	10	4	2	6	10	19	26
Rochdale	24	7	2	3	18	12	1	6	5	14	23	24
Wimbledon	24	7	2	3	22	9	3	1	8	16	23	23
Torquay United	24	7	1	4	21	12	3	2	7	9	19	23
Crewe Alexandra	25	4	4	5	17	16	3	5	4	15	20	23
Northampton Town	23	7	1	3	22	12	3	2	7	12	28	23
Wigan Athletic	24	7	3	2	18	9	2	2	8	8	23	23
Tranmere Rovers	23	8	1	2	24	8	1	3	8	9	25	22
Darlington	23	5	2	4	21	15	4	2	6	12	19	22
Bournemouth	24	5	4	3	12	9	3	2	7	8	17	22
Stockport County	24	4	4	4	15	17	4	2	6	11	16	22
York City	23	6	2	3	18	7	1	5	6	7	22	21
Scunthorpe Utd.	23	3	5	3	17	15	2	5	5	8	15	20
Port Vale	23	6	4	2	22	11	1	1	9	9	26	19
Bury	24	6	2	4	21	14	1	1	10	13	26	17
Halifax Town	24	4	1	7	15	19	1	4	7	9	20	15
Hereford United	23	3	6	3	14	11	0	3	8	3	25	15



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10177 Steven Howard	0212 J. Benyon	20591 D. Darbyshire	3458 Mrs. Birch	16331 Mrs. E. Crook
1502 D. Hawkins	16015 Mrs. P. Altree	16015 Mrs. P. Altree	3445 Mrs. I. Mistry	20939 H. Bowering
15746 J.E. Walkden	21544 M. D. Lorton	15473 Mrs. M. Cunliffe	5029 P. Rundle	15949 W.H. Miller
16050 J. Bishop	2053 Frank Walsh	1823 G. Kennedy	5440 Das. Ennett	15041 Mrs. M. Smart
3487 Mrs. A. Pearson	5356 Mr. J. Houghton	5203 June Glenn	2993 Elsie Cahill	0979 J.M. Clements
1292 Mrs. M. Quinn	15357 W. Aspey	21982 Mrs. Hedley	10358 Mrs. J. Bibby	21133 M. Ashcroft
20279 Mrs. B. Rothwell	3475 D.M. Ridge	21778 Mrs. W. Boucher	3016 R. J. Wilkinson	2398 J. Pender
0730 J. O'Shaughnessy	8133 Betty Lowe	20948 M. Rawsterne	16338 Stephen Morris	1345 32 Guildford Rd. S'Port
7269 A. Darby	0378 J. Rourke	1968 J. Hipkiss	2201 P. Holt	3503 A. Lenardy
0349 W. Patterson	20058 K.D. Singleton	21823 F. Watt	21800 Vivien Edwards	2438 G. Roby
2898 E. Corrigan	0296 Martha Unsworth	20735 Sally Moss	1974 B. Dowling	20915 Joan Rainford
21064 M. Critchley	16525 Herbert Lowe	20850 Eric, Royal	2407 G. Whittle	15223 M.J. Priestley
1032 Phil. Rogers	21994 Karen Hedley	London	0514 Peter Woodward	7190 Jackie Stewart
10165 G. Milfer	3676 Mrs. D. Earlam	5419 June Baker	15712 D. Twist	20211 W Mackay
0209 J. Long	7819 Irene Deacon	15983 Miss J. Ridings	0657 F. Lowe	5056 Mel Kwik Save Cleveleys
3636 Wally (Brit. L.)	5046 F. Thorpe	7750 J.H. Farrimond	2872 A. Leyland	20952 J. Calderbank
1516 E. Hughes	21947 Brian Perry	7265 Mike Cox	7908 Jean Lewis	1393 Ian Hollywood
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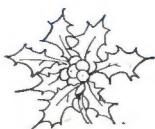
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MR. C. N. SEEL
(Carlisle)

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